

## MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

3315 West Truman Blvd., P.O. Box 58 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0058

## APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAL FEES

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☐ Original ☐ Amended

W.C. Injury Number

Medical Fee Dispute No.

Original Amended Use only if partial payment has been made by the employer or insurer and the amount of the fee billed by the health care provider is in dispute. See instructions on reverse side. Application is made for additional payment of health care services rendered to the employee above the amount already paid in the underlying workers' compensation case. The additional fee or charge owed on the medical or health care bill is being disputed by the employer/insurer. 1. Health Care Provider Name Address (Street, City & County) State ZIP Code Telephone No. 2. Employee (Patient's) Name Address (Street, City & County) State ZIP Code Date of Accident/Occupational Disease Social Security No. 3. Name of Employer ZIP Code Address (Street, City & County) State Telephone No. 4. Name of Insurer/Third Party Address (Street, City & County) ZIP Code Telephone No. Administrator Date Date Brief Description of Disputed Name and Title of Person Amount Amount Amount Services Authorization Services Rendered Billed Who Authorized Services Paid Disputed Provided was Given B. \_\_\_\_\_\_ \$\_\_\_\_ \$\_\_\_\_ \$\_\_\_\_ C. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \$ \$ Total Amount Disputed \$ (If needed, attach sheet with additional information.) 6. Explanation of Reasonableness for each disputed service: (Please attach additional page and supporting documentation.) 7. Signature of Health Care Provider\* Attorney Address Attorney Telephone No. 8. Health Care Provider's Attorney Signature & Date\* Bar No. Attorney Fax No. Attorney E-mail Address DIVISION USE ONLY CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I, the undersigned, certify that a true and accurate copy of this Application for Payment of Additional Reimbursement of Medical Fees has been mailed or hand delivered to all attorneys and/or all parties of day of , 20 . Date \_\_\_\_ Attorney's Signature Attorney's Name (Printed) Bar No. Address (if different than above) Please be advised that corporations and limited liability companies appearing before the Division must be represented by an attorney licensed in the State of Missouri. See Reed v. Labor and Ind. Rel. Commn., 789 S.W.2d 19, 20 (Mo. banc 1990). If the Health Care Provider is a corporation or a LLC, and this Application is not signed by an attorney, this Application will be rejected. DATE STAMP

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

This form (WC-MD-02) is to be used in medical fee disputes involving the "Reasonableness of the Amount of Fee Charged." Be sure you understand the different types of medical fee disputes, and choose the applicable procedure and form to avoid delay or confusion in the handling of your file.

A dispute involving the "Reasonableness of the Amount of Fee Charged" is between the employer/insurer and the health care provider as to whether the fee charged by the health care provider is fair and reasonable. Pursuant to §287.140.3, RSMo, "A health care provider shall not charge a fee for treatment and care which is governed by the provisions of this chapter greater than the usual and customary fee the provider receives for the same treatment or service when the payor for such treatment or service is a private individual or a private health insurance carrier."

In these instances, the employer/insurer recognizes that the underlying workers' compensation claim is compensable, and has authorized the health care provider to provide treatment to the injured employee. The issue in dispute is limited to the amount of the fee charged by the health care provider. The employee is not a party to this dispute, and his/her right to workers' compensation benefits may not be jeopardized by such dispute.

The administrative procedures involved in this dispute are as follows:

STEP ONE: The health care provider is notified by the employer/insurer that the amount of the medical fee charged

is in dispute. The health care provider and employer/insurer make an earnest attempt to resolve the

dispute.

STEP TWO: If the parties are unable to resolve their dispute as to the reasonableness of the medical fee charged by

the health care provider, the health care provider files with the Division of Workers' Compensation, 3315 West Truman Boulevard, P.O. Box 58, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0058, Form WC-MD-02 Application for Payment of Additional Reimbursements of Medical Fees. Corporations and limited liability companies appearing before the division must be represented by an attorney licensed in the State of Missouri. The health care provider shall serve through personal service or by certified mail, return receipt requested, a copy of the application upon the person or corporation against whom the

application has been filed. The health care provider shall file proof of service with the division.

STEP THREE: The Division of Workers' Compensation creates and assigns a medical fee dispute number.

STEP FOUR: If the total amount of the additional reimbursement sought is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or less,

either party may file a written request for administrative ruling which initiates the administrative ruling

procedure.

STEP FIVE: If the total amount of the additional reimbursement sought is more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000)

and the parties are unable to resolve their disputes, the health care provider may file Form WC-MD-03 Application for Evidentiary Hearing. The health care provider shall forward a copy of the application for

an evidentiary hearing to all parties.

STEP SIX: The employer or insurer shall file an answer on a division-approved Form WC-198 Answer to

Application for Payment of Additional Reimbursement of Medical Fees for an evidentiary hearing within thirty (30) days from the date of the application, unless good cause is found by the division to

extend the filing of the answer.

STEP SEVEN: An evidentiary hearing shall be scheduled in front of an administrative law judge. The administrative

law judge shall conduct the hearing and shall issue an award within thirty (30) days of the last day of the

hearing.

STEP EIGHT: Either party may file Form MOIC-2567 Application for Review with the Labor and Industrial Relations

Commission within twenty (20) days from the date of the award of the administrative law judge.